Are not with me esteem'd aboue thy life.
I would lose all, I sacrifize them all
Heere to this diuell, to deliuer you.
Por. Your wife would giue you little thanks for that
If she were by to heare you make the offer.
Gra. I haue a wife, who I protest I loue,
I would she were in heauen, so she could
Entreate some power to change this currish *Iew*,
Ner. Tis well you offer it behinde her backe,
The wish would make else an vnquiet house.
Iew. These be the christian husbands, I haue a daughter,
Would any of the stocke of *Barrabas*
Had bene her husband, rather then a Christian.
We trifle time, I pray thee pursue sentence.
Por. A pound of that same Merchants flesh is thine,
The Court awards it, and the law doth giue it.
Iew. Most rightfull Iudge.
Por. And you must cut this flesh from off his breast,
The Law allowes it, and the Court awards it.
Iew. Most learned Iudge, a sentence, come prepare.
Por. Tarry a little, there is something else,
This bond doth giue thee here no iote of blood,
The words expresly are a pound of flesh:
Take then thy bond, take thou thy pound of flesh,
But in the cutting it, if thou dost shed
One drop of Christian blood, thy lands and goods
Are by the lawes of Venice, confiscate
Vnto the State of Venice.
Gra. O vpright Iudge,
Marke *Iew*, O learned Iudge.
Shy. Is that the Law?
Por. Thy selfe shalt see the Act:
For as thou vrgest iustice, be assur'd
Thou shalt haue iustice, more then thou desirest.
Gra. O learned Iudge, marke *Iew*, a learned Iudge.
Iew. I take this offer then, pay the bond thrice,